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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: M. Budd
TAKAYUKI TSUKIMOTO, ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2834
Application No.: 10/044,936	)	
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Filed: January 15, 2002	)	
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APPARATUS	)	April 7, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
07-194148	Japan	July 28, 1995
04-091670	Japan	March 25, 1992

### REMARKS

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with the Request for Continued Examination papers in the subject application.

English translations of the JP '148 and JP '670 references are not readily available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner.

English abstracts obtained from a commercial database are provided herewith as English language statements of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

### FEE STATEMENT

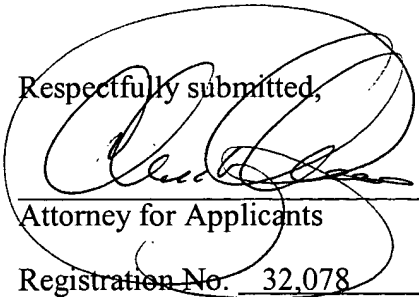
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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